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Father Christmas and one of his helpful elves wave to the crowd at last Sunday's Santa Claus Parade. For more photos and coverage, go to page three.



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Environmental group launches appeal over OMB's decision

Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society says there are a number of errors in OMB's verdict

Kris Dubé
Editor

An environmental group who has opposed the Canadian Motor Speedway has thrown another fork into the plans moving ahead.

The Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society (PALS) has appealed the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision that ruled in favour of the \$400 million project, expected to be built on 823 acres of land in Fort Erie.

Concerned groups had 30 days to file an appeal over the OMB's decision and last week, the PALS group followed through with that right.

John Bacher a researcher with PALS, who also spoke publicly at the OMB hearing,

told the Fort Erie Times there are a number of issues he and his group have with the OMB's decision.

"There were a number of errors and that's why we wanted to appeal," said Bacher.

He feels an alternate site in Niagara Falls was not given the proper amount of consideration by the board.

He feels the headwaters spring for Miller's Creek will not be protected, along with significant forests on the site.

He also feels the presence of the Bobolink, an endangered species, was not given proper consideration by the board.

When asked if PALS considered the current economic state of Fort Erie and ten per cent of its population being unemployed, he said "we're concerned about economic considerations."

He continued by saying that the speedway is not the last hope for Greater Fort Erie and that the provincial government could assist by helping the municipality with brownfield designations

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— Canadian Motor Speedway executive director Azhar Mohammad

around town.

"There are a lot of brown-field sites in Fort Erie that could be re-developed," said Bacher.

Azhar Mohammad, executive director the speedway, said his group is evaluating the impact of this appeal with its legal and development teams.

"Our thoughts go out to everyone in Fort Erie, who do not need this right now," said Mohammad.

"We will certainly do whatever we can to ensure we maintain our development timelines. Let's see what our lawyers come up with."

The projected cost of the entire facility is \$400 million. It will include a one mile paved oval course and a 2.5 mile paved road course.

To date, \$11 million has been spent on pre-development costs.



A conceptual rendering of the Canadian Motor Speedway.

Park in Ridgeway added to Town's inventory

Thunder Bay Association donates land to municipality

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Town of Fort Erie will have another park added to its inventory.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, a donation from the Property Owners Association of the Thunder Bay Area was accepted by council and the Bill Connolly Field will become completely owned

and maintained by the municipality.

The Association will be ceasing its operations and on Monday, its chair Claudia Chiesi made a presentation to members of council.

"It's with a sad, heavy heart that I come today," she said.

Since 2007, the Town of Fort Erie has leased the lands to the Association for public park purposes.

The lease is for 99 years at a cost of one dollar per year.

As recommended by the Parks and Open Space Master Plan from 2006, the

lease of these lands served to provide public parkland opportunities in the under-served neighbourhood of Thunder Bay.

Since 2007, the municipality has undertaken approximately \$250,000 in capital improvements to the park and has maintained and insured the property as a public facility.

The Association maintained all responsibility for the field house on site, which will also be turned over to the Town.

The park is located at 2973 Hyman Avenue.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular asked Chiesi if it is the Association's preference to maintain the name, Bill Connolly Field.

She explained that no vote was taken on that matter, by the board.

"The group never voted that Mr. Connolly's name continue in perpetuity," she said.

The Town will take over the property and the building on Dec. 17.

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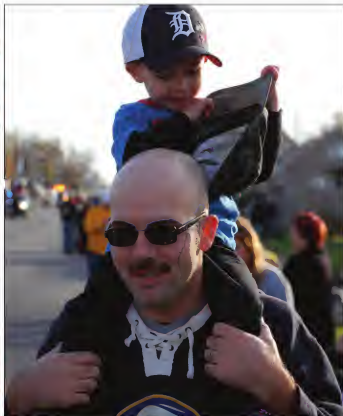
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Team Kelsey soars past its goal

Kris Dubé
Editor

Kelsey Hill would have turned 14 years-old last Saturday.

For her birthday, her friends and family, along with a very supportive community, gave her a present that will carry the young girl's name on forever.

Kelsey, a student at Stevensville Public School, lost her courageous battle with cancer shortly before Christmas last year and right away, a team was put together in her honour.

In January, Team Kelsey was formed and fundraising efforts to build a playground at Ronald McDonald House began.

A goal of \$37,000 was set to make this possible and heading into last Saturday's pasta dinner fundraiser at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, about \$3,000 was needed to reach that amount.

It was surpassed, by more than what her mother Lana would have ever expected when they first started.

Between the price of dinner, raffles and an auction for a canoe, the event pulled in a total of \$13,245.

This easily covers the cost of the playground to be named after Kelsey and even allowed them to donate \$1,000 to Alivia's Rainbows, another organization started by a local family who also lost their child at a very young age to cancer.

On top of that, it has allowed Team Kelsey to begin its next fundraising effort, which is building a

wheelchair accessible bathroom.

Two have already been added to the facility in Hamilton since Kelsey had to stay there, but her mother Lana says another will be a wonderful addition.

"This room means so much to us," she said.

Saturday's fundraiser allowed Team Kelsey to already put \$10,000 toward the project and another \$15,000 will need to be raised in the next five years.

Lana said her entire family is overwhelmed but extremely grateful of all the support.

"Everyone is great. Our community is so awesome," she said.

It has obviously been a tough year for Lana and her family, losing their daughter at such a young age, but she said the formation of Team Kelsey has been therapeutic in a way.

"The fundraising and planning, keeping her spirit and legacy going... it has really helped," she said.

Lana said that while Kelsey was going through treatments, she never felt sorry for herself and always seemed more concerned with how her family was coping... which is why she believes her daughter would be so proud to see what everyone has done to help other children at Ronald McDonald House.

"It has never worried about herself, through all of it."

A memorial golf tournament will be held in July at Fort Erie Golf Club.

Lana explained that before Kelsey became ill, she had taken up the sport.



Meg Hill, Corrie Hill, Lana Hill, Derek Hill and Mike Strange at the Team Kelsey pasta dinner and fundraiser last Saturday at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. The event pulled in over \$13,000.

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DECEMBER AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

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AFTER THE CONCERT

A recent study involving those who had attended a three-hour rock concert revealed that 72 percent of the concert-goers experienced hearing loss afterwards. While this type of hearing loss usually disappears after 48 hours, repeated incidences of temporary hearing loss can lead to permanent hearing loss. Thus, parents should help their teen kids understand that even a single exposure to loud noise can harm their hearing. Multiple exposures to noise over 80 decibels cause the tiny hair cells of the inner ear to stop functioning, which leads to permanent hearing loss. The average decibel level of the concerts attended by the teens in the study was 98.5. Every increase of 10 decibels represents a doubling of sound noise.

Personal music players are among the chief culprits of noise-induced hearing loss among teens. Video games, television sets, movie theaters, traffic, and some machines and appliances also can make the environment too noisy for the average person. In fact, many experts believe that people are losing their hearing at much younger ages than they did just 30 years ago. To schedule a hearing exam today, please call **HEARING BALANCE & HEARING CLINICS** at 905-871-4242. Our office is located at 840 Gerrard St. E., Unit 12, and we are open M-F, 9am-5pm. Most major insurance accepted. Please visit our website at www.hearingbalance.com.

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our editorial

Help make someone's holiday season brighter – lend a helping hand

With the holiday season just around the corner it is a good time of year to count your own blessings and give what you can to those who are less fortunate.

There are many ways to give to the less fortunate this year, including various food banks in the area as well as charitable organizations that are taking non-perishable food items, new or gently used toys or clothes or donations of money.

For those who want to help, but are unable to donate material items

there are several places to volunteer over the holidays as well. Including sitting at the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettles and helping out with various other events to make the season enjoyable for everyone.

Community plays a vital role in ensuring that everyone is able to enjoy the holiday season. When a community comes together to help, there are no limits on what can or cannot be achieved.

-Melissa Mangelsen



Do You Remember?

An anonymous caller phoned in to read from her copy of the newspaper clipping that had last week's photo. Even though it did not name the little girl, we know that this was pet day at Black Creek Public School, November 1975. Mrs.

Georgia Penny, teacher of the Grades 1 & 2 organized these events to allow her pupils to 'show and tell' about their pets. Many of these students lived far apart from each other and would not have had an opportunity to play together after school

and share their pets. This week's photo shows a Brownie troop taken in 1981. If you know any of the girls in the photo or where it was taken, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

Local economy should be considered by naysayers



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Normally I was writing my editor's notebook until later in the week, as I juggle the many duties and responsibilities I have at my job.

This week, I'm writing it on a Wednesday.

Why?
Because I need to get this off my chest and am

having a hard time containing my frustration.

When will this end?

Never, it seems.

I don't want this editorial to be a mirror image of one I wrote a few weeks ago basically on the same topic, but again I will re-iterate how badly this community needs the Canadian Motor Speedway.

Ask anyone who has lived here for their entire life, with many generations in their families also calling Greater Fort Erie home for so many years what they think about this project... it's my assumption that most of them are eagerly awaiting

for it to be built.

It's people who have no interest in the well-being of this small town and the families who want to stay here, that are causing problems.

When I heard about the appeal I said to myself: 'you've got to be kidding me.'

In recent times we have been following the potential closure of the Fort Erie Racetrack and the hundreds of job losses this will result in. Jarvis Pharma, a factory on Jarvis Street, has been on life-support for almost two years.

I could list several headlines we've written in the last

three years to get my point across, but I want to get right to it.

Trees and birds and creeks do not create jobs, they don't put food on the table... well birds do, but in a different way.

Some of them are pretty delicious.

I'm all for being fair and balanced when it comes to writing news articles, like the one you've read on this topic already from us, but in this column, me being a life-long resident of Fort Erie is probably showing.

I spoke to a representative from PALS about this appeal and asked if his group

ever took into consideration, the economic crisis the community of Fort Erie is in.

Is stimulating the local economy and keeping people more employed less important than a species of bird that only himself and a few others probably care about?

In a nutshell, that's how I formed my question.

He said the province could always jump in and help the Town of Fort Erie move forward with some of the local properties that have been designated brown-fields.

He obviously hasn't been paying attention, because

the Town has been working at this for years and hasn't had the slightest amount of luck or progress on this issue.

This town is in serious trouble and a handful of people who in my opinion, couldn't care any less about its future, are the ones who will have ruined any chance of prosperity in this community, if this appeal stalls this project to the point that the investors pull out and look elsewhere.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or you can send me an email to kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

The equine enigma

Dear Editor,

It ought to have been obvious, Fort Erie needed, wanted and found essential to our community at large, the ongoing success of the slots and our racetrack. The damn politicians sold us down the river and over the falls by first decimating the bingo, then the slots and now the 150 year old classic race-track.

The premier and his party said that Fort Erie wasn't in their bizarre notion of the future of gaming in Ontario! What about the historical success of the past gaming industry with the tax revenue these stalwarts of economic genius get to play with, and without much scrutiny or accountability?

So, the absolute response is for the town stewards to give up and allow the economic losses to our community to deepen and sacrifice so many jobs and small businesses sending them into the scrap heap and ruining lives, families and damaging the entire community. Where is the thoughtful,

well-developed plans to stop this insanity? Stern the wave of doom and disaster and get us out of this cesspool of inaction and harness the might and power of the voting, overtaxed, hand-pressed citizens of Fort Erie and District?

Yes, in my opinion it is not too late to rise up against politicians based decisions and bloody well get organized and motivated, select knowledgeable people, from the multicaeted equine racing and horse breeding industry, who have proven leadership skills, dedication to the cause and free of conflicts of interest and bias.

If there is anything more important to politicians than getting re-elected without riling the voters, I can't believe it.

So, let's get community minded and motivated and find some leadership to stop the blood loss - and do it yesterday.

Harvey H. Green
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks



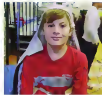
Ashlyn Kelts

"Telling a teacher or speaking up."



Jed Hudson

"Tell a teacher or your mom and dad."



Malcolm McGilaston

"Tell a safe adult."



Taylor Smith

"Tell a trusted adult or stand up for yourself and your friends."

The Times asked students what the best way to prevent bullying is

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Fashion show a success



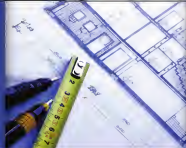
Vivere (Live life fashion show) took place Oct. 26, at the Italo Canadian Club in Fort Erie. All proceeds went to Wellspring Niagara. Organizers would like to thank all who attended and to all the local business who donated door prizes to make this event a success. Another thank you is sent to all the volunteers, Three Ferris Boutique, Jay Set, Lakehouse Photography and DJ services by Joseph Crawford. The total raised was \$3,030.

Supporting November



The Fort Erie Jr. Meteors (Atom Major helped bring awareness to November. Front from left, Kiernan Connelly, Liam Iordanis, Landon Desmarais, Cole Zimmerman. Second row, Jager Mills, Zachary Briggs, Luke Roddion, Jack Benner. Third row, Ryan Docker, Cameron Spada, Connor Christopher, Aaron Yonkers, Ethan Culp, Cody Miskolci, Zack Tyrrell. Fourth row, Cory Spada (team manager), Ron Miskolci (trainer), Mike Briggs (assistant coach), Dan Benner (coach), Jamie Culp (assistant coach).

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The fire was successfully extinguished by the FEFD and was subsequently

deemed to be an act of arson by the local fire inspector.

Over the course of the past several days, detectives along with the help of uniform officers initiated an investigation into the fire. On November 21, police were able to positively identify and arrest the person

responsible for the arson. The identity of the person arrested cannot be revealed as they are protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Information on crimes can be submitted anonymously using CrimeStoppers of Niagara.

Eleven students in Niagara busted

Police have arrested and charged 11 high school students for various alleged drug offences.

Niagara Regional Police say in an initiative dubbed "Project Erase", school resource officers arrested the students Thursday in a tar-

geted-enforcement initiative in St. Catharines and Fort Erie.

They say several high school students were engaged in high-risk behaviour during school hours and arrested for possession of marijuana.

Charges include possession of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

No names are being released due to provisions under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Bar Brawl results in charges

Fight leaves male in need of 'serious medical attention,' statement from Niagara Regional Police says

Two men have been arrested following a brawl at a Fort Erie establishment during the early morning of Nov. 10.

The fight left one male seeking serious medical attention. The altercation involved several men, police say.

John Pagnucco, 28, and

Edward VanHeeren, 29, both of Fort Erie, have been charged with aggravated assault.

Both also face breach of probation charges.

Hawaiian Luau



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Kay Nunes and Kendra Rogg supplied the music at Community Living Fort Erie's Hawaiian Luau, last Saturday at the Leisureplex Banquet Hall. This is one of the agency's largest fundraisers, held to support its many programs and services.

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A slight mix up

In a photo caption from last week's issue, some unclear information was provided.

Promoting the St. Nick's Shopping Day at St. Paul's Anglican Church, it was said that all proceeds from the event would benefit the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie's Gift of Love campaign.

In fact, ten per cent of the funds raised will be donated to the program.

The Fort Erie Times regrets any confusion this information may have caused.

The event will be held Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Energetic duo increases the peace in Ridgeway

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

Quincy Mack, aka Q-Mack and Scott Jackson, aka J-Box, brought their electric Increase the Peace Tour to the Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School on Friday.

The gym was packed with students from three area schools with grades up to Grade 8.

The message was simple, treat each other with respect and remember to increase the peace amongst your peers.

Various forms of bullying

were identified such as physical, verbal and cyber bullying, but the focus was on insults and how exclusion can affect one's confidence levels.

Q-Mack spoke about his childhood when his dad bought him a smaller than normal sized basketball. He took it to the court and was made fun of for its size. The bullies then made fun of his shoes as well as his family. He also wasn't very coordinated.

He has since grown up to be a Nike Pro basketball freestyler, who has mastered over 100 tricks. He is the only

basketball freestyler in Canada and had worked with LeBron James, Steve Nash and Shaquille O'Neal. He also has his own TV show in development and is the published author of the book Dare to be Different.

J-Box added a unique flare to the show, he has been named Canada's best beat boxer and represented Canada in the World Championships in Europe. He also made it to the finals of Canada's Got Talent. He's a vocal sound effects genius and does it all with his mouth and microphone.

The show urged students



MELISSA MANGELSEN Fort Erie Times

Scott Jackson and Quincy Mack bring their message of their Increase the Peace Tour to Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School.

to make real attempts to increase their skill sets by learning more than just basketball and beat boxing (math, reading, writing, languages, music, fitness) to boost their confidence levels.

Q-Mack drove home the

importance of never giving up and chasing your dreams. Students were encouraged to increase the peace by standing up for each other, not just standing by.

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Spirit of Christmas set to take over downtown Ridgeway

Melissa Mangelson
Fort Erie Times

Christmas is coming to Ridgeway Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for the annual Spirit of Christmas and Dickens' Style Open House.

The event will see the downtown of Ridgeway come to life with Christmas, with the decoration of the downtown shops as well as Christmas

themed entertainment.

"This is a great shopping experience, it kick starts the shopping season for Ridgeway," said Dena Sahs, festival coordinator.

"It really involves the whole community and is a highlight for Ridgeway and really draws people in," she said.

This year the event will see the first annual Christmas tractor parade on Saturday at 4 p.m. The

parade will begin at Ridgeway Public School and end at the Fort Erie Historical Museum.

There will also be prizes for the best decorated tractors.

"We still have room for people to enter the tractor parade and there's no registration fee," said Sahs.

Also new this year is pictures with Snow White from 1-4 at 234 Ridge Road on Saturday, as well as a

breakfast with Santa at the Legion, Br. 230 in the morning.

The fire safety trailer is also coming, which will allow kids the opportunity to tour the trailer and learn about fire safety and the Fort Erie High School's holiday band will be playing this year on Ridge Road as well.

"This is an absolute magical time, it's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and it's a really nice experience," she said.

The event will see a busy Friday and Saturday.

Both days will have horse and carriage rides.

On Friday, greetings from the mayor will be brought as well as

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This event is really special, we always get a lot of really great feedback."

— Dena Sahs

Friday.

On Saturday there will be an Artisan Art and Food Market, an art gallery and Roy Trider Music. Children's choir performances will be done by Garrison Road Public School.

There will be an ice sculpture demonstration, a stroll with Santa, Victorian Carollers and the holiday band performance.

For more information on The Spirit of Christmas and Dickens' Style Open House, please visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

To register for the tractor parade call 905-894-0214.

"This event is really special, we always get a lot of really great feedback and it's a draw for people from all over the Niagara Region," she said.

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Dog is rescued after finding itself in cold water

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

For a dog owner nothing holds more truth than your four-legged pet being a vital member of your family.

Last Friday, John, Meaghan and their son Clayton Maracle were frantic when they discovered that their two boxers, Cricket and Lilly, had escaped from their yard.

Thankfully, because of good Samaritans Lynda and Ron Goodridge, the story had a happy ending.

That morning the Goodridge's decided to head down to the Old Port to do some duck watching. Upon arriving Lynda saw something in the water, but thought it was a bird on a rock. When they got closer, they realized that it was a white boxer.

"We could see the dog shivering from the shore, she was about 50 feet out in knee deep water with no one around," said Lynda.

Lynda said when she spotted Cricket in the water she wasn't moving much, just her head.

"We thought she was injured or in a lot of distress

because she wasn't attempting to move. She would move her head if we called her, but her pupils were dilated and her head kept dipping down," she said.

Ron saw a police car not far and waved down Sgt. John Vujasic to tell him what they had spotted in the water. Within minutes he was on the phone with the SPCA, who quickly sent someone down to rescue Cricket.

Despite the ordeal for the two dogs, Cricket and Lilly only had minor injuries. Cricket had a little bit of hypothermia and some skin irritation from being in the water, while Lilly had a couple scratches on her nose and bush burn on her stomach.

"The real hero here was the guy from the SPCA (Ken Trombley), he didn't hesitate at all. He walked right into the water over moss covered slippery rocks and brought her to shore," said Ron.

The morning started out like any other for the Maracle's, and when Meaghan left for morning school she didn't realize Cricket and Lilly had left the yard.

"I thought they were in the

basement with my husband, so I didn't even think to check for them. My husband called me later in the morning and told me the girls were gone," she said.

Upon hearing that their dog had run away the Maracle's called as many people as they could to help them track down the dogs, who have never escaped the yard before.

Because the SPCA had put four-year-old Cricket on Facebook as a rescue, word spread to Meaghan quickly that her dog had been found and rescued.

When Meaghan called the SPCA she asked about her dogs, and at that time they said they had only found one in the chilly waters.

"I thought Lilly had drowned," said a tearful Meaghan. "You couldn't have told me otherwise. I thought she was gone."

Through all of this Clayton never gave up hope that both dogs would make it home safely.



Cricket, a four-year-old white boxer, is rescued by the Fort Erie SPCA's Ken Trombley from chilly waters last Friday.

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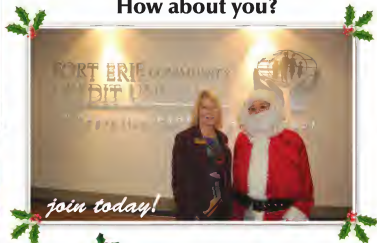
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Awareness event at Legion on Sunday

It's all about raising awareness.

November is a month to spread the word about Pulmonary Hypertension and a local woman who found out she has the condition in 2008, is hoping the community will support an event on the topic on Sunday, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 71.

Jennifer Merritt, will be holding a 'Walk for Breath,'

at 1 p.m.

She explained that the only cure is a double-lung transplant and that she is the only person in Niagara who has the rare condition.

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Peaceful protest at courthouse

Aboriginal community concerned over re-scheduling of criminal court dates

Kris Dubé
Editor

Everyone deserves the right to a fair trial... while having proper access to the justice system at the same time.

That was the message delivered by representatives from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre on Tuesday morning, as they protested in front of the Ontario Court of Justice, on Jarvis Street.

Earlier this year, provincial court offences normally dealt with at the courthouse built in 1996, were moved to Welland and St. Catharines.

The peaceful protest on Tuesday, was held to show opposition to the latest temporary decision to only provide court proceedings one day a week, instead of four days a week.

The courthouse is now open for business, only on the third Tuesday of every month.

This is an interim schedule handed down from the Region, that will continue

until June, explained John Teal, Fort Erie's regional councillor and former mayor, who has also been a practicing lawyer in the community for decades.

As Tuesday's protest unfolded in front of the facility, there were about 200 cases to be heard and many people who were not involved in the demonstration could be found outside waiting for their turn.

"It results in that overflow from the courthouse," said Teal.

With the news from the summer, that provincial cases should no longer be heard at the building on Jarvis Street, Teal said it perpetuates the idea that the doors will eventually close for good.

"It certainly gives rise to the rumours that the court-house is going to close," said Teal.

The regional councillor agrees that the interim re-scheduling plan is flawed.

"When you get to only having one court date a month, it doesn't make a lot of sense."

As hundreds of people waited for their name to be called before the court on Tuesday, the atmosphere in the building was described by one person as being very noisy, creating distractions for many involved.

"It just adds to the inefficiency of the process," said

Teal.

He had no issue with the FENFC expressing their concerns.

"You have to step up to protect what you have."

According to the 2006 Aboriginal Statistics at a Glance survey performed by Statistics Canada, Aboriginal people represent 3.1 per cent of all adults in Canada but are alarmingly overrepresented in the justice system with an average of 20.8 per cent representation among offenders admitted to probation, remand, provincial and territorial custody, conditional sentences and federal custody.

"The over-representation of my people in the justice system is appalling, and has thus inspired many community members and supporters of Aboriginal people to assume an ethical responsibility for advocating for Aboriginal justice in the Canadian justice system," said Valerie Moses, a local aboriginal woman who also addressed council on this issue on Nov. 13, alongside FENFC president Oren Dostxator.



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Brenda LaForme, Valerie Moses, Betty Ireland and Dianna Sowden at a protest on Tuesday in front of the courthouse on Jarvis Street.

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Health expert offers challenge to local community

Kris Dubé
Editor

As a certified personal trainer and nutrition and wellness specialist, Rebecca Parton is used to putting a challenge on the table.

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For every 20 registrations she gets, she will donate \$100 to Community Outreach Program Erie.

But it doesn't stop there... that's where the challenge comes into play.

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"I'm trying to find a way to put the two together," said Parton.

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Set the stage at a young age



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

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Happy ending

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And not long after she received a call saying that Lilly, the two-year-old pup of Cricket, was seen wandering around town.

"I started calling around and people had said they saw her in different places all throughout the day," said Meaghan.

With the hope of finding Lilly returning, she was located in some bush where they eventually found her and brought her home.

With both Cricket and Lilly reunited with the Maracle's by 6 p.m., that evening Meaghan said this was a story with a very happy ending.

Anything could have happened, we live close to the QEW, the current could have taken Cricket or coyotes could have got to Lilly if we hadn't found her."

Meaghan said the two dogs got out because after a friend left the night before, the gate wasn't properly latched shut and no one thought to check it.

"The dogs were found about a mile from home and Meaghan said it's very unusual that they would separate.

"We think maybe Cricket got into the water and was carried by the current until she was lucky enough to get caught up on a rock and maybe at that point Lilly went her separate way," she said.

"The ordeal has made Cricket a little shy, she's a little leery now," said Meaghan.

"We didn't want people to assume or think that we dumped our dogs. You hear stories like that all the time," said Meaghan.

Meaghan, who held Cricket close, said she was forever indebted to the Goodridge's.

Lynda and Ron said they were just happy this had such a happy ending and that Cricket had a good home to go to.

"We were worried that she was abandoned. We thought if she didn't have a home we'd have to adopt her," laughed Lynda.

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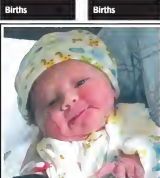
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HORTON

A gift from God: Lyndsay and Ashley are excited to announce the safe arrival of their new cousin, **Petra Quora** on November 3, 2012, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz and 19.5 in at GNGH. Proud parents are Andrew and Pauline. Grandparents Ron and Joan Horton, and David and Christina Coghlan. Loved by Auntie & Uncles Tam and Ron Horton, Stephen and Salma Coghlan, and Jeff Coghlan and Renee Trotter. Overjoyed Great-grandmothers Miriam Smith, Johanna Emmier, and Anna Coghlan. Thank you to Dr. Cheema and all the wonderful nurses at GNGH. A huge thank you to Doula Elizabeth Sissone. Special thanks to Daddy from Mommy and Petra for all his love and support.

Barnes (née) Giampiro was a little bity, bity twinkle, twinkly sweaters, itty bitty booties, big bundles of joy! Proud first time parents Lucy and Mike are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Isabella Maria Barnes on November 11, 2012 at 3:35 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Nonno and Nonna Vito and Maria Giampiro are very proud of their little princess. We would like to thank our family and friends for all their love and support during this joyous journey. A special thanks to Dr. Oluotobi for his exceptional delivery and to the nursing staff at GNGH for their nursing care. A very special thanks to Daddy for all his love and support. Mommy and Isabella couldn't have done it without you.

Coming Events

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Maple and Crescent Park Lodges
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(behind D.R. Hospital)
Christmas Gifts and More!
Non-perishable cans of food collected at door for G.O.P.E.

Crystal Ridge Community Church

241 Elmwood Ave, Crystal Beach

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

Friday, Nov. 30th - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kids Shopping Spree

.50 cents per gift wrapped item

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CHILDREN SHOPPERS ONLY PLEASE

Wednesday, Dec. 5th - 9:30 a.m.

Fort Erie Community Coffee Hour

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ALL LADIES WELCOME

Sunday, Dec. 9th

Crystal Ridge Community Church

25th Anniversary Celebration

Church Service 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Open House 12:30 - 3 p.m.

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Join the Harbour Life Singers on Friday, Nov. 30th at 7:30 p.m. as they present "We Need A Little Christmas", a program of Contemporary Christmas Songs for the Christmas Season. The concert will be held at Central United Church, 30 Dufferin St., Fort Colborne. Tickets are \$10 and are available from choir members and at the door. Director: Ron Gorman. Accompanist: Kathy Cushing

Coming Events



One Stop Christmas Shop

Sunday, November 25

3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Crystal Ridge Community Centre

99 Ridge Road South

Over 300 different vendors.

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Trinity's Accessibility Project.

Obituaries

BARRETT, Evelyn, 91, passed away Sunday, November 18th, 2012. Born in Medicine Hat, Alta. Predeceased by spouse Jim and daughter Gayle. She is survived by sons Bud Warren, Dan, stepdaughter Sandy and sisters Sandy and Irene of Windsor, Ont. Proud grandmother of Stacy, Lucinda and great-granddaughter Noah. Cremation has taken place and if one wishes please make a donation to C.O.P.E. for pantry. Special thanks to Julie and the staff of Redcliffs Retirement Home for their love and loving care during her final months. Thank you to all who also treated her with respect and kindness during her living years.

Obituaries

BIRKS, Pearl Ruth - Pearl passed away unexpectedly while surrounded by her family on November 16th, 2012 in her 88th year. Loving wife of the late Karl (2000). Loving mother of Harry (Karen), beloved grandmother of Adam Peck. Cherished sister of Gladys Duford, Barb (Bill) Higgins, Phyllis Hillard, Doreen Wheeler and Ray Clark. Also survived by her sister in law Elson Jallot and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Predeceased by her infant daughter Karen, her sister Audrey and brothers Ron and Fred. She will be sadly missed by her canine companion Eric. Pearl lived in Mississauga most of her life. She moved to Fort Erie 4 years ago to be closer to her family. Pearl was a Senior Soldier with the Salvation Army at the Mississauga Temple. She will always be remembered for her devotion to her family and her strong faith in God. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday November 21st from 10 am until the time of services at 11 am. Interment took place in Mississauga on Thursday afternoon. If, as desired, donations to the Fort Erie Salvation Army would be appreciated by the family.

BOOTHE, Patsy Jean - Suddenly on Tuesday, November 20th, 2012 surrounded by her family at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 71. Beloved wife of Leonard for 45 years. Dear mother of Rodney and Jason (Debbie) and cherished Nana of Rebecca and Christine. A private service will be held Friday, November 23rd at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Ridgeway**. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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TONTODONATI, Remo - Remo passed away surrounded by his family at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on November 20, 2012. Loving husband of 53 years to Vilma (nee Masotti). Proud father of John and Diana (John) MacKay. Cherished brother of Lido (Linda) and Olimpia and much loved brother in law of Silvana (Ermi) Pontello and Linda Masotti. Remo will be fondly remembered by nieces and nephews, Bob (Colleen), Bart (Lini), Brian (Karen), Bill (Maria), Morris (Yolanda), David (Sonia) and Brian. Predeceased by his son Dean, sisters Lidia and Maria, brother Emidio and niece Rita. Remo was employed for over 43 years with R.J. McDermott Plumbing and Heating and will be sadly missed by his many friends and extended family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. Interment will occur at a later date. The family invite friends to share with them on Saturday November 24th from 9:30 am until the time of Services to celebrate Remo's life which will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel at 11 o'clock. To help keep Remo's spirit of giving alive, the family ask that rather than send flowers or donations, that you do a kind gesture for another individual.

BURRIDGE, Violet Dorothy nee Hampel - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday, November 16, 2012 in her 87th year. Violet Burridge, beloved wife of the late John Howard (Bundy) 2008. Much loved mother of Scott (Becky), Dana McPhee, Bette Allen, Garrett (Linda), Mark (Darlene), Derek (Sylvie), Joe (Maria) and Randy (Lili). Sister of Harold (Lorraine) Hampel. Also survived by her 18 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Violet was a lifetime member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and a dedicated Registered Nurse with over 30 years of service at Douglas Memorial Hospital. Visitation took place at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 245 Prospect Pl. Road, Ridgeway on Tuesday, November 20th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services to celebrate her life will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Emmanuel Lutheran (Beaches) Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, Ridgeway. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca



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Music of the season 6:30

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St. Paul's Anglican Church

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Time of Refreshments to follow.



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Rosalyn Elizabeth

Who left us November 25, 1969.

We can't have the old days back

When we were all together.

But secret tears and loving thoughts

Will be with us forever.

We know you're resting now.

Our beautiful angel in heaven.

Always in our hearts,

Mom, Teresa and Charles

McLEOD, John "Jack" - On Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at Maple Park Lodge in Fort Erie, Jack passed away with his family by his side after a long, courageous struggle. He was born at home in Ridgeway, Ontario son of Charles and Orma (Teal) McLeod. Jack lived in the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area his entire life. He enjoyed his 38 years as a meter reader for The Canadian Niagara Power Co., where he also met his loving wife, Ann Forrester. A kind and gentle man, he enjoyed the simple things in life: a good biography to read, a nice long walk, woodcarving, keeping up on world events and his family. He fondly recalled many camping trips with the horse trailer, where he also made many lifelong friendships. He was passionate about anything aeronautical, joining the air cadets at 14 years of age, sometimes walking to the meetings in Fort Erie from Ridgeway. He obtained his recreational pilot's license at age 16 and spent many an hour flying around the region and beyond. Jack continued this hobby for many years and later was proud to be one of the volunteers who restored the Fleet Fort. He was past steward of Memorial United Church in Ridgeway and a member of Crystal Beach Public School Board. A loyal and devoted husband, Jack and Ann recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. He was predeceased by his parents and his sisters Marjorie (Sid) Morris, Marjorie (Les) Shark, Jean (Carlton) Jensen and his good friend and neighbor Jack Walton. He is survived by his brother-in-law Sid Morris. He will be greatly missed by his children Carol (Gary) Farnan, Karen (Pat) Huffman and Stuart (Dee) McLeod. Loving grandfather of Kristen (Brynn) Levesque, Amy (Matthew) Higgins, Michael (Sherry) Everett, Kevin (Corey) Hall, Justin (Shauna) Hall, Sarah (Shane) McLeod and Andrew McLeod. Always loved and remembered as Papa Jack by his 9 great-grandchildren. Visitation for Jack was held at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A celebration of his life will be held in the chapel on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fort Erie Air Cadets, a cause near and dear to Jack's heart or The People's Memorial United Church in Ridgeway.

The following is a passage from the poem "Return" by Peter J. R. Brown:
 Up at last, its bones so long,
 Back to blue where I belong,
 Whistling wind through cockpit seams,
 Clears my mind for unborn dreams.
 I thought my wings would let me fly,
 A pilot soaring through the sky.
 But so much more they gave to me,
 A chance to live, a chance to be.
 Goodbye Jack (Dad) we love you and will miss you dearly.

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There is room for improvement, says Meteors head coach

Kris Dubé
Editor

Heading into last weekend's back-to-back games, Fort Erie Meteors general manager and head coach Tony Passero said there are areas to improve on, but also certain aspects of the Jr. B

teams performance that are working well.

The Meteors met the Port Colborne Pirates for the first time in the 2012-13 regular season last Friday and were defeated 7-2 on the road. The following night, the Meteors lost to the St. Catharines Railcats 6-1.

The two teams did meet

three times in the pre-season, but Passero said both are familiar with one another, even though this was the first time they had faced off, three months into the schedule.

"We know them and they know us," said Passero.

Before last Friday's loss, the Meteors were also beaten by St. Thomas and Waterloo, two

teams who are not part of the Golden Horseshoe Circuit.

Passero said it is unique playing teams in an interlocking schedule, but preparing for them isn't all that different than playing teams they are used to.

"You can just go by their record and what they do in their own loop," he said.

It doesn't matter who they play against... the team just has to play well and execute in all facets of the game.

"Your defense has to play well, your offense has to score and you need to stay out of the penalty box," said Passero.

The Meteors are three points ahead of the Stoney Creek Warriors, sitting in sixth place in an eight team division.

Before last weekend's losses, Passero said being so close to an even record is something the team is proud of, compared to the last few seasons.

"If I had to refer to the last four or five years, I'd have to say we're doing OK," he said.

"This is the closest we've been to 500 in a few years at

this stage of the game... but I still feel we are better than that."

He also said that out of the team's 11 losses at that point, three of those games could have ended with an opposite result.

"We had opportunities to win, but we ended up on the wrong end of the stick in those games."

But Passero remains optimistic that his team will start adding to the win column again very soon because of the line-up he has.

"With the talent we have, we should be better... It doesn't take long to turn it around."

The Meteors will welcome the Port Colborne Pirates on home ice tonight at 7:15 p.m.

ALEX ROMANYK

In loving memory of a cherished Husband, Dad, Grandpa, and Great Grandpa, who left us 7 years ago Nov. 30, 2005. Another year has come and gone, and yet you still are near.

We see your smile, hear your laugh, and wish that you were here. Our lives go on without you. But nothing is the same.

We have to hide our heartaches. When someone speaks your name. You did so many things for us. Your heart was kind and true. And if we needed someone

We could always count on you. We don't need celebrations, to remember you dear Dad. Instead we speak of you daily, and cherish all that we had.

And even as you grew tired, you left nothing up to chance. You told your jokes, sang Amazing Grace, and danced your silly dance.

The special years will not return, when we were all together. But with the love within our hearts, You will walk with us forever.



Bev Driver

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away, November 26, 2010.

No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you will always be there. Our hearts still ache with sadness, And secret tears still flow, We remember all the happy times, In peace we will let you go.



BARBARA HEBBOURN

In loving memory of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who left us 5 years ago Nov. 14, 2012. Always remembered, always loved, never to be forgotten and still sadly missed. Love Your Husband and Family

Boxers heading into the ring



Bland's Boxing Club moved into its new facility earlier this year and now they are ready to send their athletes into the ring.

At the end of the Month, Tony Johnson, and Will Long will both fight in the John DeGazio Memorial Tournament in Niagara Falls.

Both local residents are eager to get back into the swing of things, one of them with years of experience and the other looking ahead to his first real fight in the boxing ring.

Long, a 14-year-old, joined the club back in May with the intention of focusing mainly on exercise and conditioning.

But since then, he has developed a love for the sport.

"When I first came in, it was mainly to work out... but now I have a love for boxing," said Long.

Club owner and trainer Bobby Bland, felt Long was ready for action when he noticed how well he was prepared to be learning the ropes.

—Read the whole story at www.forterietimes.ca



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) will present its Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2013-2017) to the public. The Plan identifies and addresses barriers to information and communication, employment and transportation for people with disabilities.

NPC would like to invite the community to attend these sessions to gather feedback regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and to assist NPC in identifying barriers experienced by visitors to Niagara Parks. American Sign Language interpreter services and closed captioning will be available.

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012

Times: 2 - 4 p.m.
OR
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Legends on the Niagara Clubhouse
9561 Niagara Parkway
Niagara Falls, Ontario

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